**Latin American Nationalism after 1900 C.E.**

Below are four documents from Brazil, Mexico, Peru and Nicaragua. As you read, look for changing political and economic attitudes in the region after 1900, as compared to the enlightened principles laid out in the revolutions of the 19th Century. (You may need to refresh your memory on Bolivar, O’Higgins, Martín, etc.)

Read each of the following document by national leaders; then answer the questions which follow.

**1. Getulio Vargas, Brazil announcing the “*Estado Novo*” after a brief revolution, 1937. Followed by excerpts from national speeches, late 1930’s**

“Each drop of my blood will be an immortal flame in your conscience and will uphold the sacred will to resist. …and today I am freeing myself for eternal life (Vargas appointed himself president for life in 1937) … My sacrifice will remain forever in their souls and my blood will be the price for their ransom. I fought against the exploitation of Brazil. I fought against the exploitation of her people. I have fought with my whole heart. Hatred, infamy and slander have not conquered my spirit. I have given you my life. Now I offer you my death. I fear nothing. Serenely I take my first step towards eternity and leave life to enter history.”

“I am imprisoned by a wall that separates me from the suffering and humble people, who elected me in the hope of a better life. I must fulfill that promise! I need the support and confidence of the workers, and they in turn will find in me a true friend, ready to help them in their just aspirations. They should avoid being misled by agitators and rabble-rousers. They may come to me without fear, and I will lead them to just and equitable solutions, using the official agencies created to accomplish this. Workers in the cities and the countryside: those who drive the factories and till the fields. You are the people who follow me and on whom I depend to frighten the hornets waiting to sting me. In this city of São Paulo there are as many thousands of organized and enlightened workers as our dreams of greater economic development, a higher standard of living, and social harmony.”

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**2. Lazaro Cardenas, President of Mexico, announcing that the state will nationalize the foreign oil industries of Mexico as part of a Six-Year Plan for economic growth (big clue right there), 1938.**

“Another inevitable consequence of the presence of the oil companies, strongly characterized by their anti-social tendencies, and even more harmful than all those already mentioned, has been their persistent and improper intervention in national affairs….

The oil companies’ support to strong rebel factions against the constituted government in the Huasteca region of Veracruz and in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec during the years 1917 to 1920 is no longer a matter for discussion by anyone. Nor is anyone ignorant of the fact that in later periods and even at the present time, the oil companies have almost openly encouraged the ambitions of elements discontented with the country’s government, every time their interests were affected either by taxation or by the modification of their privileges or the withdrawal of the customary tolerance. (*Reference to corporations fighting against the Mexican government during Mexican Revolution, 1910 – 1920*) They have had money, arms, and munitions for rebellion, money for the anti-patriotic press which defends them, money with which to enrich their unconditional defenders. But for the progress of the country, for establishing an economic equilibrium with their workers through a just compensation of labor, for maintaining hygienic conditions in the districts where they themselves operate, or for conserving the vast riches of the natural petroleum gases from destruction, they have neither money, nor financial possibilities,….

Potential wealth of the Nation; miserably underpaid native labor; tax exemptions; economic privileges; governmental tolerance — these are the factors of the boom of the Mexican oil industry.

Who is not aware of the irritating discrimination governing construction of the company camps? Comfort for the foreign personnel; misery, drabness, and insalubrity (unhealthy conditions) for the Mexicans. Refrigeration and protection against tropical insects for the former; indifference and neglect, medical service and supplies always grudgingly provided, for the latter; lower wages and harder, more exhausting labor for our people.

As a logical consequence of this brief analysis, it was therefore necessary to adopt a definite and legal measure to end this permanent state of affairs in which the country sees its industrial progress held back by those who hold in their hands the power to erect obstacles ….abuse their economic strength to the point of jeopardizing the very life of a Nation endeavoring to bring about the elevation of its people through its own laws, its own resources….

With the only solution to this problem thus placed before it, I ask the entire Nation for moral and material support sufficient to carry out so justified, important, and indispensable a decision…”

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**3.** **José Carlos Mariátegui, Peruvian journalist and political philosopher, Peru, late 1960s**

“The communal, collective system of the *ayllu* [peasant commune] has, to be sure, deteriorated fundamentally in the face of advancing capitalism. Nevertheless, the *ayllus* maintain many communal features. Although the private ownership of plots is now generally established, the *ayllu* still makes efforts to prevent the sale of land to outsiders and to redistribute uncultivated land – The contribution of work is reciprocal: work is reimbursed with work (*hayni*). work for the common benefit is carried out collectively. The communal organization is preserved, although every day it deteriorates more because of official regulation.

The *ayllu* is acquiring strength with the revolutionary upsurge; it rediscovers itself. It is possible that the *ayllu* will become one of the basic forms of the future workers’ and peasants’ government.”

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**4. Augusto Cesar Sandino, Nicaraguan revolutionary and leader, excerpt from a manifesto announced at the San Albino gold mine, Nueva Segovia, 1927**

“ To the Nicaraguans, to the Central Americans, to the Indo-Hispanic Race:  
The man who doesn't ask his country for even a handful of earth for his grave deserves to be heard, and not only to be heard, but also to be believed.

I am a Nicaraguan and I am proud because in my veins flows above all the blood of the Indian race, which by some atavism encompasses the mystery of being patriotic, loyal, and sincere. The bond of nationality gives me the right to assume responsibility for my acts, without being concerned that pessimists and cowards may brand me with a name that, in their own condition as eunuchs, would be more appropriately applied to them. I am a mechanic, but my idealism is based upon a broad horizon of internationalism, which represents the right to be free and to establish justice, even though to achieve this it may be necessary to establish it upon a foundation of blood. The oligarchs (Creoles), or rather, the swamp geese, will say the I am a plebeian, but it doesn't matter. My greatest honor is that I come from the lap of the oppressed, the soul and spirit of our race, those who have lived ignored and forgotten, at the mercy of the shameless hired assassins who have committed the crime of high treason, forgetful of the pain and misery of the Liberal cause that they pitilessly persecuted, as if we did not belong to the same nation. (Reference to the ideals of the Enlightened Revolutions of Bolivar and Martin)

An unpardonable crime demanding revenge!

I hope to convince my compatriots, the Central Americans, and the Indo-Hispanic race that in the mountains of the Andean Cordillera there exists a group of patriots who will know how to die like men, in open battle, in defense of their national honor.

Come, morphine addicts (reference to foreign business owners), come and kill us in our own land. I await you before my patriotic soldiers, feet firmly set, not worried about how many of you there may be. But keep in mind that when this happens the Capitol Building in Washington will shake with the destruction of your greatness, and our blood will redden the white doom of your famous White House, the cavern where you concoct your crimes.

The world would be an unbalanced place if it allowed the United States of America to rule alone over our canal (Nicaragua wanted to construct a canal similar to the Panama Canal), because this would mean placing us at the mercy of the Colossus of the North, forcing us into a dependent and tributary role to persons of bad faith who would be our masters without justifying such pretensions in any way.”

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